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Title: METHOD OF COMPOSING A LIST OF TV OR RADIO PROGRAMS FROM A  
GIVEN TRANSMISSION SCHEDULE

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (amended) A method according to claim 2, characterized in that  
overlapping programs of the list are visually ordered as being in  
the foreground and in the background, respectively, and that the  
program in the foreground has the higher priority.

5. (amended) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the list (20) is used to control the recording of programs on a recording device.

6. (amended) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the list (20) is used to control the display of programs on an audio and/or video reproducing device.

7. (amended) A controller for an audio and/or video recording and/or reproducing device, including

(A) a memory for storage of the schedule (10) of available TV or radio programs,

(B) an input device allowing a user to enter selections,

(C) a display unit for graphically representing programs of a list (20) of programs,

the controller being adapted to

(D) execute a method according to claim 1, in order to compose a list of programs,

(E) control the audio and/or video recording and/or reproducing device so as to process the programs according to said list.

#### REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to the claims were made solely to

avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependent form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights she may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore reserve her right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

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## APPENDIX

4. (amended) A method according to ~~one or more of claims 2 to 3~~claim 2, characterized in that overlapping programs of the list are visually ordered as being in the foreground and in the background, respectively, and that the program in the foreground has the higher priority.

5. (amended) A method according to ~~one or more of the preceding claims~~claim 1, characterized in that the list (20) is used to control the recording of programs on a recording device.

6. (amended) A method according to ~~one or more of the preceding claims~~claim 1, characterized in that the list (20) is used to control the display of programs on an audio and/or video reproducing device.

7. (amended) A controller for an audio and/or video recording and/or reproducing device, including

(A) a memory for storage of the schedule (10) of available TV or radio programs,

(B) an input device allowing a user to enter selections,

(C) a display unit for graphically representing programs of a list (20) of programs,

the controller being adapted to

- (D) execute a method according to ~~at least one of the claims 1 to~~  
claim 1, in order to compose a list of programs,
- (E) control the audio and/or video recording and/or reproducing  
device so as to process the programs according to said  
list.